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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

This Interview Summary is being submitted on behalf of Applicants in order to fully comply with the requirements set forth under MPEP §713.004. In that regard, Applicant provides herein further details regarding the telephone interview conducted on August 25, 2009 in the above matter.

During that telephone interview conducted between the undersigned, Examiner Valentina Xavier and Primary Examiner Michael Mansen, the recently submitted Amendments filed by Applicants on August 19, 2009 were discussed. In particular, initially it was discussed and agreed upon that the proposed amendment to Claims 1 and 15 were in fact supported by the specification and that the additional amendments to the dependent claims were made substantially to conform to the amended language used in the independent claims. Additionally it was agreed between Applicants' representative and the Examiners that the proposed amendments overcame the cited prior art, in particular, Gollott et al. It was

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noted that although an agreement was reached, the Examiner reserved the right to conduct an additional search in order to determine whether the claims were in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicants agree with the Interview Summary provided by the Examiner dated September 2, 2009. In this regard, Applicants believe that the statement by the Examiner that “Applicant has proposed amendments that read over Gollott et al...” means that the amendments overcome the cited prior art. Thus, Applicants submit this Interview Summary in order to ensure compliance with the requirements under the rules.

Respectfully submitted,

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